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(Original Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**GRAVITY BIASED GRILL WIRES**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

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Agree that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, HAMILTON BEACH/PROCTOR-SILEX, INC., its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, I will, for all countries, execute all continued prosecution, divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, reexamination, and all other patent applications on any and all said inventions or improvements; execute all rightful oaths and other papers; communicate to said Assignee, HAMILTON BEACH/PROCTOR-SILEX, INC., its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all facts known to us relating to said inventions or improvements and the history thereof; testify in all legal proceedings; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee, HAMILTON

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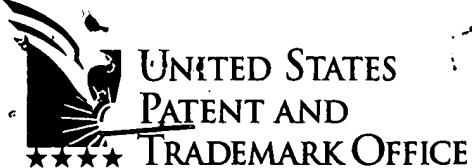
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Nhiem V. Nguyen  
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Before me, this 24th day of June, 2002, personally appeared **Nhiem Viet Nguyen** known to be the person who is described in and who executed the above instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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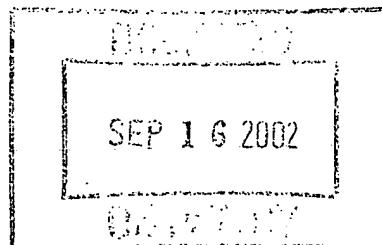
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